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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR MOROCCO

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- 1. YOUR THOUGHTFUL VIEWS APPRECIATED, BUT DEPARTMENT AND DOD STILL BELIEVE IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE TO SEND COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING SURVEY TEAM TO MOROCCO FOR IN-DEPTH STUDY OF TOTAL RMA MODERNIZATION REQUIREMENTS. WE ARE WILLING, HOWEVER, TO SEND OUT TEAM TO SURVEY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 26 M48A3 TANKS.
- 2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS IMPRACTICAL TO EXPECT GOM TO PROVIDE COMPLETE BLUEPRINT OF FURTHER PROCUREMENT PLANS. HOWEVER, AS OUTLINED REF B, BEFORE DOD WILLING PROCEED FURTHER IN CONSIDERING LARAKI REQUEST, WE NEED TO HAVE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW GOM INTENDS PROCEED IN MEETING TOTAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS, PARTICULARLY WHAT ITEMS GOM WOULD LOOK TO U.S. TO PROVIDE AND WHETHER NORMAL LEAD TIMES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.
- 3. WHEN WE HAVE BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH MOROCCANS ON SECRET

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THEIR EXPECTATIONS FROM USG WE CAN THEN SEND OTHER

TRAINING TEAMS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF EQUIPMENT AS REQUIRED.

- 4. DOES EMBASSY HAVE INFORMATION TO CORROBORATE LTC TERHZAZ' SURMISE THAT KING INTENDS BOTH BRIGADES TO BE EQUIPPED EXCLUSIVELY WITH US EQUIPMENT?
- 5. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON GOM INTENTIONS FOR AIR DEFENSE AND SECOND FIGHTER SQUADRON REQUIREMENTS. IF GOM INTENDS TO LOOK TO USG FOR HELP WITH AIR FORCE AS WELL AS ITEMS FOR GROUND FORCE MODERNIZATION, THIS IS ADDITIONAL REASON THAT UNDERLINES NECESSITY FOR GOM IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES AND OVERALL FUNDING PLAN. KISSINGER

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